

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-66-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: HEARING IMPAIRED POPULATION INFORMATION

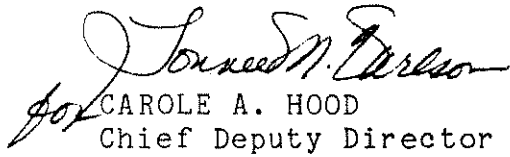
The State Office of Deaf Access has compiled the attached demographic data on the hearing impaired population by California counties for use by your staff in planning services to this portion of the population.

In 1981, the California Department of Rehabilitation, with assistance from a private research firm, studied the hearing impaired population in California by county, as well as other categories. This study resulted in a report entitled "DEAF PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA: DEMOGRAPHICS AND COMMUNICATION NEEDS", by Marcus T. Delk, Jr. and Jerome D. Schein, Ph.D., published in May 1983. These two individuals are noted as respected national researchers in the field of deafness. Beginning with the data contained in this report, adjustments were made using the annual percentage increases in the California general population, as reported by the California Departments' of Finance and Social Services, Statistical Services Bureau.

Please bear in mind the attached data represents only an estimated projection regarding the hearing impaired population in California. As such, this data has not been verified with actual figures because no actual figures exist. Nevertheless, comparisons of certain aspects of this data with what little data does exist, indicates the attached data is weighted to the conservative side.

Efforts are continuing to verify this data with various other sources. If any changes are needed, we will proceed with any necessary corrections and forward copies to you at that time. Until then, the attached data represents the only generally accepted information concerning the hearing impaired population in California. It is our intention to provide you with annual updates to this information in the future.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you or your staff have any questions or comments, please call Ms. Lorene Hillard of the Office of Deaf Access at (916) 445-3039 (Voice or TDD), or ATSS 485-3039.


for CAROLE A. HOOD
Chief Deputy Director

Attachments

cc: CWDA

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF DEAF ACCESS

Prevalence of Hearing Impairment in the Civilian
Noninstitutionalized Population, by Degree, for the
State and Counties: California, as of January 1, 1989*

Political Division	Total All Hearing Impairments	One Ear Only	Both Ears Impaired		
			Sub- Total	Mild- Moderate	Severe- Profound
The State	2,242,057	1,077,474	1,164,583	852,264	312,319
COUNTIES					
Alameda.....	96,998	46,626	50,372	36,882	13,490
Alpine.....	93	45	48	35	13
Amador.....	2,682	1,290	1,392	1,019	373
Butte.....	14,323	6,885	7,438	5,446	1,992
Calaveras.....	2,715	1,305	1,410	1,032	378
Colusa.....	1,153	553	600	440	160
Contra Costa.....	64,447	30,981	33,466	24,504	8,962
Del Norte.....	1,952	938	1,014	742	272
El Dorado.....	7,891	3,794	4,097	2,999	1,098
Fresno.....	51,258	24,640	26,618	19,489	7,129
Glenn.....	1,946	937	1,009	739	270
Humboldt.....	9,750	4,687	5,063	3,706	1,357
Imperial.....	10,007	4,811	5,196	3,805	1,391
Inyo.....	1,640	787	853	624	229
Kern.....	40,448	19,444	21,004	15,381	5,623
Kings.....	8,814	4,237	4,577	3,351	1,226
Lake.....	3,392	1,630	1,762	1,291	471
Lassen.....	3,160	1,521	1,639	1,200	439
Los Angeles.....	641,050	307,866	333,184	243,515	89,669
Madera.....	6,456	3,103	3,353	2,454	899
Marin.....	19,295	9,275	10,020	7,338	2,682
Mariposa.....	1,232	592	640	469	171
Mendocino.....	5,929	2,850	3,079	2,255	824
Merced.....	13,488	6,485	7,003	5,128	1,875
Modoc.....	845	404	441	324	117
Mono.....	855	411	444	325	119
Monterey.....	24,764	11,904	12,860	9,416	3,444
Napa.....	8,827	4,244	4,583	3,356	1,227
Nevada.....	5,812	2,795	3,017	2,210	807
Orange.....	175,572	84,396	91,176	66,758	24,418

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Placer.....	13,885	6,674	7,211	5,280	1,931
Plumas.....	1,437	690	747	546	201
Riverside.....	89,786	43,161	46,625	34,138	12,487
Sacramento.....	78,159	37,571	40,588	29,718	10,870
San Benito.....	2,953	1,420	1,533	1,123	410
San Bernardino....	114,624	55,099	59,525	43,583	15,942
San Diego.....	200,868	96,557	104,311	76,376	27,935
San Francisco.....	48,089	23,117	24,972	18,285	6,687
San Joaquin.....	33,678	16,189	17,489	12,806	4,683
San Luis Obispo...	16,497	7,929	8,568	6,273	2,295
San Mateo.....	50,778	24,409	26,369	19,308	7,061
Santa Barbara.....	26,677	12,825	13,852	10,143	3,709
Santa Clara.....	112,251	53,958	58,293	42,681	15,612
Santa Cruz.....	18,000	8,652	9,348	6,844	2,504
Shasta.....	12,307	5,915	6,392	4,681	1,711
Sierra.....	290	139	151	109	42
Siskiyou.....	3,894	1,872	2,022	1,481	541
Solano.....	26,688	12,830	13,858	10,146	3,712
Sonoma.....	30,715	14,765	15,950	11,678	4,272
Stanislaus.....	28,918	13,902	15,016	10,995	4,021
Sutter.....	4,935	2,373	2,562	1,877	685
Tehama.....	3,664	1,761	1,903	1,394	509
Trinity.....	1,145	550	595	437	158
Tulare.....	22,555	10,842	11,713	8,576	3,137
Tuolumne.....	4,744	2,280	2,464	1,804	660
Ventura.....	51,132	24,580	26,552	19,441	7,111
Yolo.....	11,976	5,758	6,218	4,553	1,665
Yuba.....	4,618	2,220	2,398	1,755	643

*Based on Schein and Delk Study for Department of Rehabilitation and adjusted for increases in the California general population (Source: California State Department of Finance.)